

CHNYC TELTALE

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From the Secretary/Treasurer

Thank You for renewing your membership!

Janet Belson
Secretary/Treasurer, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

Our new Sailing season is about to start. For 2004 we have 184 paid members of which 19 are new members. If you have not renewed your membership, we look forward to having you do so. Membership is \$25 for an individual and \$35 for a family. You'll find an application on the bottom of page 7.

Any magazines that the Yacht club receives are put in Building 18 for our members to enjoy. Read them and then return them for others to read.

See you around the waterfront.

Janet ❖

From the Helm

We've made some changes!

Ben Riggs
Commodore, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

It's been a cold and busy winter, and thanks to Walter and some dedicated volunteers, including Chuck Kesson, Rick Matton, Ron Oard, Mel Lash, Ed Noll, and others, the boats will be in the water by the end of April.

The season kicks off with the Sail Training meetings for all instructors, new and old, on May 1 & 2. There are some new things on the horizon, so please try to make one of these two sessions.

We are making some changes and additions to our Supporting Cast. To meet the challenges of an expanded and improved Sail Training program, I have added the Special Assistant position of Sail Training Administration, to be filled by Tom Gunzelman. Paul Mankofsky will assume the responsibilities of Rear Commodore, Sail Training. In addition, Doug Smith will take over as Rear Commodore, Race Committee, on May 1. Due to the ever-expanding list of activities and regattas, others (including myself, Ed Munroe, and Rick Matton) will be taking turns on the water as well. And while he expects to continue getting out on the water as much as possible, this will be Chuck's last issue of the Tell-Tale. We will be looking for a new publisher who can be on board before the July issue is due out.

We are also looking for a volunteer to take over the Ship's Store. Hopefully this will be someone in the local Newport area who can hang onto all the CHNYC hats, shirts, etc. and make them available at Club events and as needed for the incentive program.

See you on the water.

Ben❖

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Sail Training

Instructor seminar on 1 & 2 May!

Paul Mankofsky
Rear Commodore, Sail Training

Tom Gunzelman
Sail Training Administrator

Instructor familiarization and training sessions will be 1 May 1000-1200 and 2 May 1300 – 1500 in Bldg 18 (white building next to the Officer's Club). There will be classroom and on-water instruction. ALL INSTRUCTORS, NEW AND OLD, SHOULD TRY TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE SESSIONS.

We will be going over administrative details, such as scheduling, volunteer agreements, and so on, as well as covering highlights of the syllabus and how we teach it. Following the classroom session, new instructors will go on the water with the "old salts" to review what we teach.

We will be asking all instructors to help us by retaking the written test so that everyone will be on the same wavelength as their students. Some changes have been made, so new MWR handouts will be available. If you prefer to review the handout overnight, you can take the test at your convenience.

After qualifying as an instructor, your qualification card will be signed off by an authorized person.

The ground school and on-the-water curricula are available on the CHNYC web site. You may have to scroll across the site to find the file on the right side. It can be helpful to review the curriculum you will be teaching before the training session. We will be discussing both.

It would be appreciated if you could contact Tom Gunzelman, Ben Riggs or Paul Mankofsky to let us know which session you will be attending so that we can try to balance the numbers. Also, if you cannot make either day, let us know and we will try to arrange a makeup session.

Paul & Tom ❖

Ground School

The first class starts on 3 May!

Paul Watters
Rear Commodore, Ground School

After a long, cold and dark winter, it is time to turn on the classroom lights and start preparing to sail again. Our ground school classes begin on Monday night May 3rd. This year we plan to have about 300 students go through our Basic Sailing Program. We have scheduled 16 classes, each starting on a Monday night and continuing weekly . . . unless there is a holiday during that week. We have lined up ten veteran instructors to man the podium as well as a half-dozen bright new faces.

Here is our lineup of the May through July 4th classes:

Date	Instructor
May 3	Paul Watters
May 10	Don Denny
May 17	Bill MacKay
May 24	Scott Atkin
May 31	No classes
June 7	John Allen
June 14	Amy Hunt
June 21	Ken Ingerson
June 28	Robb Fuller
July 5	No classes

We have posted all the classroom training materials on the CHNYC WEB site . . . copies are also available on CD-ROM. We'll be using the updated (2004) NAVSTA/MWR Handout as a note taking and study guide; the reference book that students can buy remains US Sailing's *Basic Keelboat*.

If you'd like to help teach, please contact me. If you want to take the course, you should sign-up at the Marina Office in building 17, 841-3283.

Paul ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAILING INSTRUCTOR SEMINAR

DATE: SATURDAY MAY 1ST AT 10 AM OR SUNDAY MAY 2ND AT 1 PM

PLACE BUILDING 18 CLASSROOM, NAVSTA NPT

Comment: If you want to help teach sailing, contact Paul Watters for Ground School and Tom Gunzelman for On-the-Water information and incentives package.

LOCAL FISHING SEMINAR

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 1ST AT 1200.

PLACE: NAVSTA NEWPORT BUILDING 18 CLASSROOM

Everything you need to know to catch big fish. See Ed Noll 's article on page 6 and call the Marina Office; 841-3283

SAIL TRAINING

DATE: GROUND SCHOOL MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS; ON-THE-WATER SATURDAY MORNINGS AND MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND THURSDAY EVENINGS. FIRST CLASS STARTS 3 MAY.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

DATE: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS MAY THROUGH OCTOBER

PLACE: STARTING LINE WEST OF COASTERS HARBOR ISLAND

Spring series starts 19 May with a practice race; see NOR and SI posted on the CHNYC WEB site. Contact Seth Moyer for the details.

SAILING CENTER & MARINA PATRON'S NIGHT

DATE: MAY 19, 2004 STARTING AT 1700

PLACE: NAVSTA NEWPORT OFFICER'S CLUB; TOPSIDE PUB

MWR KICKS OFF THE SEASON AND SAYS WELCOME.

Notice from the Newport Yacht Club:

The Newport Yacht Club cordially extends to the Officers and Members of the Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club the privileges of its clubhouse for the season of 2004.

HELP WANTED

SHIP STORE OPERATOR

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO COORDINATE THE PURCHASE, MARKETING AND SALES OF CHNYC APPAREL; HATS, SHIRTS, JACKETS, PINS AND ALL OF THOSE OUTWARD SIGNS THAT IDENTIFY A PROUD YACHT CLUB MEMBER. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DAISY GILMORE..

Marina Advisory Group

Highlights of the April 8th meeting!

Bob Parent
MAG Co-chairperson

A plan to keep building 18 clean was discussed. The resolution is that patrons should clean up after themselves and that a schedule of when the facilities will be closed for cleaning will be posted.

Changes to marina procedures were discussed. A proposed change would require patrons who have not used the MWR facilities within the previous two year period may be asked to take the local rules test. The Marina manager may use discretion on a case-by-case basis.

MWR will rent fishing tackle and sell bait on a trial basis. If successful, this service may be adopted for the entire season.

MWR management expressed appreciation to all those volunteers who helped last season and supported winter maintenance in the boathouse.

Navy-wide funding for MWR will be reduced in the coming seasons through at least 2006. This fiscal challenge may result in fee increases to marina patrons.

MWR is auctioning four O'Day model Rhodes 19 keelboats. Interested bidders should see Walter, the Marina Manager, for details.

CHNYC on the WEB

There is a significant amount of information on the WEB site that can help you prepare for the upcoming season. For example, the entire curriculum for the ground school is available on-line. During the opening days and weeks of the season you may want to check out the CHNYC WEB site at <http://www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc>

Paul Schmidle

Race Training

The first seminar starts on 10 May!

Rick Matton
Rear Commodore, Race Training & Safety

Race Qualification Seminars, for Rhodes qualified skippers, have been scheduled each month. A brochure, that outlines the topics that will be presented, has been posted in the CHNYC WEB site. The first seminar will be held the week of May 10th, the week before the first race. The second and third seminars are on the calendar for the weeks of June 7th and July 12th. The \$25 dollar fee is waived for CHNYC members.

Team Racing

There was some interest in a Team Racing initiative. Due to conflicting commitments and resource constraints, this venture was been tabled for this season.

Racing Quiz

1. Whenever a right-of-way boat can reasonably avoid contact but fails to do so, she should be penalized. T F
2. After a boat completes a tack inside the two-length zone at the windward mark, she should be penalized if she causes the other boat to change course. T F
3. The information included in a regatta's Notice of Race is considered part of the *rules* for that event. T F
4. A boat that is tacking and has turned just past head-to-wind is not considered to be on a tack. T F

These are just four of the questions contained in the rules IQ test that we'll be using as the final take-home open-book quiz for the racing seminar. If you are interested, you can contact me or Chuck Kesson and we'll mail the test to you even before the seminar begins. How many other seminars do you know of that mail you the quiz before you decide to take the seminar? You may decide to attend the seminar on Thursday night just to get the answers – and why.

From the Race Course

The first race starts on 19 May!

More than a dozen Race Committee volunteers have been working with the Race Chair and the Fleet Captains to put together the Sailing Instructions for the Wednesday Night Fleet Racing Series. Although the SI has not received final approval as this Tell-Tale goes to print, they should be available in draft form on the WEB site by May 1st and in final form by May 8th.

The summer series starts on May 19th with a practice race. Several of the Rhodes 19 class rules and a handful of the rules in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2000-2004 have been modified for this series. Our objective has been to keep the series friendly to those competitors who work and find themselves out of town on Wednesday night. We have also incorporated most of the local policies into the SI and have given them some structure and process. One of the first improvements you may notice is that a South Bay Race Chart is incorporated as an attachment.



From the Shields Fleet

We splash on 26 April!

Ron Oard
Fleet Captain, Shields

As this Telltale goes to press we just finished painting the bottoms of all six boats and by the time you read this they will be in the water and ready to sail. Thanks again to all the Shields skippers and crew who helped work on the bottoms of the boats this winter. I'd also like to thank the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules over the winter. They replaced over 50 feet of rub rail and over 70 feet of toe rail on all six boats, greased the winches, and repaired a number of other items on the boats. I had 17 volunteers, but Lou Reyna, Curtis Duncan, John McCoy, Denette Sleeth and Mike Megan each put in at least 15 hours, with Lou and Curtis putting in over 50 and 30 hours respectively. Several of them will likely either race or help out with sail training this season, so if you see them this summer let them know how much we appreciate their efforts to improve the material condition of the boats.

Our next task is to increase the utilization of the boats during the season. While I expect we will have all six boats out on Wednesday evenings for racing, we need to encourage qualified sailors who haven't been out in a while to get out on the water. The other thing we can do is to ensure we qualify sailors who have the experience, skill, and desire to use the boats over the season. We will hold a two-session course nearly every week this summer to qualify experienced Rhodes-19 sailors and those with experience on similar large sailboats. I plan to have two instructors each session to take out 1-2 boats depending on the number of students. I'll have an email or phone call out to racing skippers, crewmembers, and others who have expressed interest in conducting Shields training. If you haven't heard from me by the time you get this newsletter, email or call me. This is a critical part of increasing the utilization of the Shields for the season

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From the Rhodes Fleet

Rhodes are wet!

Seth Moyer
Fleet Captain, Rhodes 19

Most of the Rhodes 19s are in the water! By the time you read this, all 15 should be wet! If there is anyone interested in being a racing skipper who has not contacted me yet, please do so as soon as you can. This year, we are assigning boats to racing skippers prior to each series via a lottery. Depending upon when you read this edition of the Tell-Tale, this may have already happened for the Summer Series to allow skippers to help participate in the tuning process.

Stay tuned for emails from me advising the skippers when the boats will be available for tuning. Also look for posting of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions on the web site. Remember to make sure your yacht club membership is up to date and submit an entry form once posted.

The assignment of boats via lottery is a change from previous years. In previous years, skippers were allowed to sail the same boat from year to year. This change has been made to address concerns about advantages inherent to a particular boat. By assigning a boat via lottery before the start of each racing series I hope that we can continue to gain the benefits of the skippers tuning and maintaining the boat before and during the race series

If you are new to our club and interested in racing, the requirements to become a racing skipper of a Rhodes 19 are that you be a CHNYC member and have racing qualification (for spinnaker class) on your NAVSTA/MWR Qualification Record. If you need to become race/spinnaker qualified, look elsewhere in this edition of the Tell-Tale for information on upcoming race qualification seminars.

If there are skippers without crew or individuals looking to crew, contact me and I will assist in matching you up.

Seth❖

And finally, the Wednesday racing season with Shields Fleet 9 begins May 12th, and our first weekend race is the Memorial Day Regatta on May 29th. I'd really like to get as many of our boats out on the weekends as possible to support Fleet 9 weekend racing. Between our returning experienced skippers and crewmembers and a number of new folks with racing experience at the War College and other commands in Newport, we should be able to give the Shields in town a run for their money this season.

See you out on the water.

Ron ❖



The MWR Maritime Skiffs are excellent boats for fishing or making a quick sightseeing trip around Newport harbor and the local waters with visiting family or friends. You may foresee a time where you might want to take advantage of the skiff's capabilities.

You can complete the qualification by challenging the powerboat exam or attending the powerboat class on any Wednesday night from 1800 to 2100 and then taking a quick spin in the boat on Saturday morning.

Call the marina office 841-3283 and sign up.

Ed ❖

Did Someone Say Go Fish?

ED Noll

CHNYC Facilities Coordinator

Last year the CHNYC had its first open fishing tournament. Plans are to have another this year. If you plan to enter or you just want to try your hand at fishing local waters from MWR's Maritime Skiffs you might want to attend Ed Noll's fishing presentation on Saturday, 1 May at 1200 in building 18.

Narragansett Bay and near shore waters of Newport offer some of the best fishing in New England for striped bass, bluefish, and fluke as well as other ground species such as sea bass and scup. For the sixth year Ed Noll will offer a presentation that covers the fishing action in our local waters. Ed is a charter boat captain with extensive fishing experience in the bay, nearby coastal waters as well as off shore for species such as tuna and shark. His presentation will focus on Narragansett Bay and near shore fishing reachable by the recreational department's Maritime Skiffs. He will also address any other areas of interest to the audience.

The presentation will include the what, when, where and how of saltwater fishing in Rhode Island. It will be specific as to tackle recommendations, terminal gear, baits, locations and times that a particular species is biting. Attendees will be provided with small charts of Narragansett Bay and surrounding waters to mark the location but you're welcome to bring your own.

Reservations are not required but, because of the heavy attendance the presentations have drawn in the past, please call the Navy Sailing Center & Marina at 841-3283 to notify them of your intent to attend.

Ed ❖

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Please complete this short form below. Renewals provide us the opportunity to ensure all of your information is up to date.

MAIL TO: CHNYC c/o Janet Belson, Treasurer, 5 Benedict Ave., Portsmouth, RI 02871-2301

_____ New CHNYC Member _____ Renewal _____ Membership Number
_____ CHNYC Individual (\$25) _____ CHNYC Family (\$35)
_____ Active Duty _____ Projected Rotation Date
_____ Dependent _____ Retired _____ Reserve _____ DOD

NAME: _____
EMAIL: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ OFFICE: _____
DUTY STATION/WORK: _____
BOAT NAME: _____ POWER: _____ SAIL: _____
TYPE/MANUFACTURE: _____ LOA: _____ BEAM: _____
MARINA BERTH # _____ OTHER: _____

Very important ... areas in which you'd like to help and/or get involved with: We particularly need help with ...
_____ On-The-Water Sail Training _____ Ground School _____ Race Committee

We also need assistance with these programs: Please check the blank and show your support ...
_____ Sail Qualification Upgrades (Rhodes/Shields) _____ Power Squadron _____ Cruising
_____ Facilities (including Weather Emergency Crew) _____ Special Events (Picnics, Socials, Etc)

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*Taken the morning of April 16, 2004: Spring has sprung, the Rhodes have ris'n, I wonder where their masts . . . is'n?
This poem may not rhyme but this is music to some sailor's ears and a sight for sore eyes! Bring on May and June!*